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## Anglo-American Air Chiefs Make Ruthless Decision To Smash German Towns And Morale

**ALLIED** air chiefs have made the long-awaited decision to adopt a deliberate terror bombing of German populated centres as a ruthless expedient to hasten Hitler's doom. More raids such as those carried out recently by heavy bombers of the Anglo-American Air Forces on residential sections of Berlin, Dresden, Chemnitz and Kottbus are in store for the Germans, with the avowed purpose of heaping more confusion on Nazi road and rail traffic, and to sap German morale.

The all-out air war on Germany became obvious with the unprecedented daylight assault on the refugee-crowded capital two weeks ago, and subsequent attacks on other cities jammed with civilians fleeing the Russian tide in the East.

Aerial reconnaissance has shown that the best way to create road bottlenecks through key cities is to topple buildings into the streets, blocking them with rubble and debris.

THOSE 'V' WEAPONS The decision may revive protests in allied quarters against "unnecessary warfare," but it is likely to be balanced by satisfaction in certain parts of the Continent and Britain, where the Luftwaffe and later Nazi 'V' weapons were, and still are, responsible for the indiscriminate slaughter of tens of thousands of civilians.

Meanwhile, Hans Frisiche, German radio commentator, said, "The German army and air force did everything in their power to prevent civilian refugees in 1940."

The Allies are bombing under the excuse of attacking important military installations, he said. "Evidently a decision has been reached these days. The noble aims of the enemy are now apparent to everyone. But Germany does not seem to go down in history as a nation which created the murder of refugees," Frisiche included.

### Far-Reaching Decision

Our Political Correspondent writes: Inquiries in London revealed that the air decision was taken at a conference to open H.Q. yesterday afternoon. It was decided to open the campaign from Paris to New York, and was first published in American newspapers.

No comment was made in official circles last night, though a far-reaching decision is a matter of high policy, and it can be assumed that the approval of the leaders of the United Nations.

### Russians Take 2 Strong Points

An Order of the Day issued by Marshal Stalin last night, the Commander of the Third White Russian Front, General Zhukovskiy, and his Chief of Staff, General Pokrovskiy, said:

"Groups of the Third White Russian Front, continuing the encirclement of the German army group of the enemy, captured by the towns of Odesa and Melitopol, important junctions of communications and powerful strongholds of German army."

The Order then goes on to name several and many other units of the enemy, captured by the towns of Odesa and Melitopol, important junctions of communications and powerful strongholds of German army."

Odor Bridgehead Lost, Says Berlin Major Soviet forces west of the Oder north to south were reported to have been repulsed by German forces. The spokesman admitted that the German bridgehead on the east of the Oder near Cossen had been lost. He said that the German bridgehead on the west of the river, is still in German hands," he claimed.

### Refugees Tell Of Berlin Devastation

### Chaos All Over Reich

From REGINALD LANGFORD, Reuter's Special Correspondent, Kreuzlingen, German-Swiss Frontier, Saturday.

REPORTS by refugees from the Reich reveal that utter chaos prevails throughout Germany.

All Hitler's Ministries have left Berlin and established themselves in Nuremberg.

In Berlin the entire administration has been paralysed, and the authorities have lost all control.

The telephone, telegraph, gas and electricity systems are not functioning, while water has to be obtained outside the city and distributed in minute quantities.

The city centre, including all railway stations, has been abandoned. Refugee trains arriving at the German town of Konstanz, near the Swiss border, are crammed to bursting point.

Germany's food problems have been aggravated by a widespread epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease in West Germany, where cattle are dying in large numbers.

Everybody, including the troops, is in a state of abject hopelessness, but there is no sign of active opposition.

When they reached back our battle planes were met by tanks, rockets, bombs and cannon, and then our troops shot tanks out off through the woods and over the fields after the Germans.

Goch was quickly threatened by the British. Further east, troops pushed forward several miles from Goch. They slashed through the 16th Panzer Division and are now struggling with elements of the 15th Panzer Division.

In their advance they cut the Goch-Coleur road. At the same time the British pushed forward to the outskirts of Calcar and subjected it to heavy mortar fire.

On the extreme west of the battle zone Scottish troops seized the south of the Gennep-Venlo high ground, and are now pushing parallel to the River Maas, seizing two-thirds of a large wood.

On the American front two divisions are pushing forward over the Prum River, making four in all, and additional bridgeheads have been made over the River Our and Sauer. Half of the small town of Scherbenberg is captured.

It is reported here that enemy counter-attacks in the Prum area were beaten off, the Germans losing four tanks.

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## OUR TROOPS GET ON DRY GROUND AT LAST

## Advances All Along The Line

With the British and Canadians, Germany, Saturday.

MONTGOMERY'S men are on the move again. Striking with power along a wide front late yesterday, they advanced between two and three miles and are today closely threatening the Siegfried bastions of Goch and Calcar. This looks like bigger stuff than anything that has gone before in the ten days of offensive.

The thrust is significant because it has brought our troops out of much of the marshland and put their feet on dry, firm ground.

On some sectors tanks were able to play a full part in the battle for the first time.

Guns and flame-throwers had also been brought up to give the hard-fighting infantry extra support than had been possible in the previous wave through the slush.

The result was that our advancing troops quickly gobbed up 1,500 prisoners, bringing the total since the start of the offensive to nearly 7,500.

Many of those taken in the past 24 hours were paroled and sent to Panzer Grenadiers.

Though the Germans have waded up large reinforcements, and now have elements of eight divisions, the British are stopping the Canadians, the Scots and the West Midlands, and their perimeter was extended everywhere between the Rhine and the Maas.

With nearly half of the Maas corridor in the hands of the British, the line has been shifted into a favourable position to outflank Venlo and the Roer River, and send the Germans cutting back to the Rhine.

It is that approach Cologne would become a front-line town, and much of the Ruhr would be under the Allied gun.

As a prelude to the new advance, the war-scarred countryside was shaken for miles around by a fierce artillery barrage.

GOCH THREATENED I have talked to scores of prisoners taken in the past few days. They have not the slightest sense of guilt, either of Germany or her leaders.

They still have a mystical faith in Hitler. Here are three comments:

Twenty-five-year-old from Karlsruhe: It is not Hitler who has failed, but his subordinate who made diplomatic blunders.

Sergeant, 27, from Weiden: I have not lost the war. I am not lost by the politicians.

Everywhere there is no unexpressed but definite feeling that defeat will only be temporary.

Police Chief Lynched

PARIS, Saturday. A CROWD of Dijon stormed the jail, dragged out the former Police Commissioner, Jacques Marsac, and lynched him. It was reported today.

The lynching occurred on Tuesday, and last night the body was hung up on the gable of the prison, presumably to enable the authorities to hold an inquest.

Marsac was being held for trial after the war, and the lynching followed a meeting of the local committee of liberation.

The communist newspaper "Humanite" suggested today: "It is likely that the authorities in covering up Marsac's accomplices had a hand in the lynching."—Reuter.

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### 'Tower Spy' Mystery Deepens

THE sensational story printed in yesterday's evening newspaper and included in early editions of Sunday papers, alleging that a Dutch official was arrested in the Tower of London for having given away the secrets of the Arnhem attack was denied late last night in a statement by the Netherlands Government Information Bureau.

The statement confirms that a man has been arrested by the Dutch security authorities on the Continent, but denies that he was either a Dutch officer or soldier in the Netherlands and that he has been held in the Tower.

It also denied that the man arrested was in the confidence of the Allied military authorities with regard to the Arnhem operation.

The only other portion of the original story which tonight's statement contradicted was that the man posed as an Underground worker.

British sources have so far denied all knowledge of the matter.

ARMY NEED Russian Linguists

FORNERS, the day when there will be the closest co-operation between the British and the Russians, the Army Council is starting a drive to secure the services of officers and men who are bilingual and capable of acting as interpreters.

The number required is considerable. "The People" was informed officially last night.

Instructions have been issued, not only to Home Commands, but also to overseas headquarters, that records must be made with regard to officers and men with a knowledge of Russian.

'Forts Hit Frankfurt

MORE than 350 Flying Fortresses of the United States Eighth Air Force, escorted by 150 Mustangs, bombed the city of Frankfurt on Monday night.

Frankfurt is an important junction of the main roads linking Berlin and Central Germany with the Western Front.

'30,000 Killed' In Raids On Dresden

MORE than 30,000 people were killed in the Allied air attacks on Dresden last week, according to Swiss Radio.

### Smashing On To Berlin

### KONIEV STORMS LAST BARRIER

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent, Moscow, Saturday.

ONE of the war's biggest battles is raging today around Marshal Koniev's 200,000-man army as it smashes into the Oder, Berlin, Dresden and the heart of Germany are threatened by scores of thousands of tanks, guns and planes moving westward.

The Russian front line last night began to storm across the last ditch south of Berlin.

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### 'Decisive Clash Near'

Von Hammer

THE most stupendous and decisive battle of the war can be expected to start in a few days, say Col. von Hammer, German News Agency military commentator, last night.

He stated: "At the moment great and significant battles are raging in four big sectors."

"(1) In East Prussia, where the Soviets, with material superiority and strong support, are forcing the pace;

"(2) In West Prussia, where the Russians are trying to reach the Baltic Sea, and are pushing the German front in order to cut off Danzig."

"(3) In the giant mountains where the Oder flows into the Baltic Sea, where the German brigades, under the leadership of the German High Command, are building up a huge central reserve, and are preparing to attack the Soviet positions, and are pushing the German front in order to cut off Danzig."

"(4) In the Oder delta, where the enemy is endeavouring to push back the Russian forces, and are pushing the German front in order to cut off Danzig."

Issued by the Ministry of Fuel and Power

# AFTER THE THAW...

Now that the weather is milder, many people think that there is no more need to worry about fuel economy. This attitude cannot be justified. The recent abnormal weather caused a drain on coal reserves which cannot be made up again before the summer. This would apply even in peace time.

War and essential production must be kept going. It is only by individuals maintaining—or renewing—their efforts to economise that we can get through the 'lean' period of the rest of the winter.

All consumers must cut down their consumption of gas and electricity at home and in the works, in offices, in shops, restaurants and hotels. In particular, while the weather is mild, do not put on a gas or electric fire except when absolutely necessary.

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## Final Defeat Is Now Clearly In Sight

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## THE ESPASMO SWEEPS THE REICH

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

**T**he Crimea Conference has proved, if proof were still needed, that the final defeat of Nazi Germany is clearly in sight. The Big Three have shown that they are determined and able to finish the job quickly.

As a result, both of the publication of their political decisions and the immediate unfolding of their plans for the knock-out blow, a new stage has been reached in German affairs which may prove more important in a way than the progress of the actual fighting.

This stage is the extent of the undisciplined wave of despair, defeatism and disillusion which is sweeping through the German masses. There is good reason to think that the infection is spreading to the Wehrmacht.

I have been told that even the most drastic SS and Caispaso action seems powerless to stop the rot.

Considered against the background of the Allied offensives, the Nazis now stand revealed as not only rattled but desperate.

Neither in the East nor in the West can they relieve the relentless pressure strangling their hopes of escape from the aftermath of unconditional surrender.

Every day thousands more of their best soldiers are being killed, more irreplaceable war material lost, more "sacred soil" overrun, more war plants and

reserves captured by the Allies.

Each day more of the vital Reichswahr power to light is being drained away—and each day the Allied ability to win is increasing and strengthening.

As if this was not enough, the

8-Göbbels' paper, "Der Angriff," the "nerve centre" of Nazi propaganda, has closed down.

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co-ordinated RAP and USAF attacks on strategic centres in Dresden, Berlin, the Ruhr and Chemnitz—there will be many other such attacks and confusion worse confounded.

The aggregate damage is beyond arithmetical calculation. It can only be assessed in its reaction on the home front where it is more important than it has ever been.

It is the condition of this home front which demands special analysis. Here are the known facts—

1—Several million refugees have been fleeing before the Russian advance for many weeks. The great majority have no shelter. They are sheltering in emergency camps by the roadside or in empty cellars and tumble-down ruins if they are lucky enough to reach a town.

2—New thousands are joining the "exodus to despair" every day as the tempo of inland air and land attacks increases.

3—Nazi Press and radio admissions of chaos.

4—The Nazi government has stopped the manufacture of fundamentals, and is blatantly admitting their inability to do so.

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## FOOD FACTS FEBRUARY FARE

Some satisfying dishes

The more uncertain the weather, the greater the need for good solid meals. Food served during "February Fillydye" should include plenty of dishes to warm and satisfy. Here are some suggestions for nourishing and appetising meals, suitably suitable for a month which is often unreliable and dreary.

## VEGETABLE BROTH WITH SAUSAGE DUMPLINGS

(The dumplings "moke" this dish)

**Ingredients:** Dumplings: 4 oz. self-raising flour, 1 level teaspoon salt, 2 oz. dripping, 1 tablespoon cold pastry, 4 oz. sausage meat, water to mix. Vegetable: 2 oz. carrots, 1 turnip, 3 oz. onion or leek, 4 oz. potatoes, 2 pints stock or vegetable water. Quantity: For 4 people. Method: Chop onion, carrots, cabbage, turnip and potatoes; place in the boiling stock and simmer for half an hour. Make dumplings by mixing together all ingredients, then rubbing the mixture into flour. Add to soup, which must be boiling, and simmer for twenty minutes.

## STEAMED FRUIT PUDDING

**Ingredients:** 8 oz. self-raising flour, 2 oz. sugar, pinch salt, 2-3 oz. dried fruit, 2 oz. fat, milk or milk and water to mix. Quantity: For 4 people. Method: Mix together flour, sugar, salt and fat. Add sugar and fruit and enough liquid to make the mixture a dropping consistency. Turn into a greased basin and steam for 1 hour.

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